

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS
ENTITLED HOSPITAL LICENSURE REGULATIONS
(105 CMR 130.000)**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 2, that the Department of Public Health will hold public hearings to receive written and oral testimony on amendments to regulations entitled Hospital Licensure Regulations (105 CMR 130.000).

These amendments were filed as emergency regulations on December 19, 2000. The amendments govern the discontinuance of essential health services by hospitals and implement section 2 of Chapter 141 of the Acts of 2000 -the new managed care reform law. Section 2 requires that the Department define essential services, and sets out a process that hospitals must follow if they choose to discontinue as essential service. The Department specifically is seeking comments on whether the regulations should specify which subcategories of ambulatory services should be defined as essential services. Under the present emergency regulation the ambulatory service in its entirety is defined as an essential service. The Department also is seeking comments as to what would constitute appropriate post closure follow-up actions by the Department. Finally, the Department is soliciting comments on what definition of "service area" should be included in the regulation.

The hearing will be held on Monday, January 29, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Health, Public Health Council Room, 250 Washington Street, Boston.

Submissions made prior to the public hearing should be delivered to Paul Dreyer, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108. Speakers are requested to provide a written copy or summary of their statements at the hearing. All written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on February 5, 2001.

Copies of the regulations may be obtained from LouAnn Stanton, Office of the General Counsel, at 617-624-5220 or at our web site at www.state.ma.us/dph.

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